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For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE AND CONTROL METHOD  
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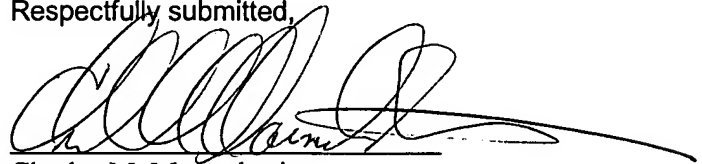
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## OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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